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Re: I support sustainable forestry to help fund local counties.

Dear Edward Shepard:

Of the three alternatives being considered by the BLM, Alternative 2 is the best management approach to meet the immediate funding needs of local counties, while working to protect our environment. However, having Plans is not enough. We need to ensure that when the Plans are finalized that they receive adequate funding so that they can be fully implemented. When implemented, the Plans should adhere to the following key principles to live up to the full commitment that was made to local counties:

Timber sale revenues should generate at least an amount equal to the funding that was provided to local counties through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act on a yearly basis.

All BLM administered land should be managed to minimize the threat of catastrophic wildfire on these lands and surrounding state and private lands.

Access should be maintained through BLM administered lands for private land access, fire suppression, as well as recreational uses, such as hunting, fishing, boating and sightseeing.

BLM should consider active management for the protection and recovery of listed and sensitive species and their habitat before adopting passive, reserve strategies.

The BLM should only allocate land for the purpose of listed species recovery when the land is large enough to make a significant contribution to recovery efforts.

The amount of land allocated to generating revenues to the counties should allow for increase management flexibility and should not fall below 50% of the land administered by the BLM.

Sincerely,

Robert Vance